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SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawai

18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda

19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

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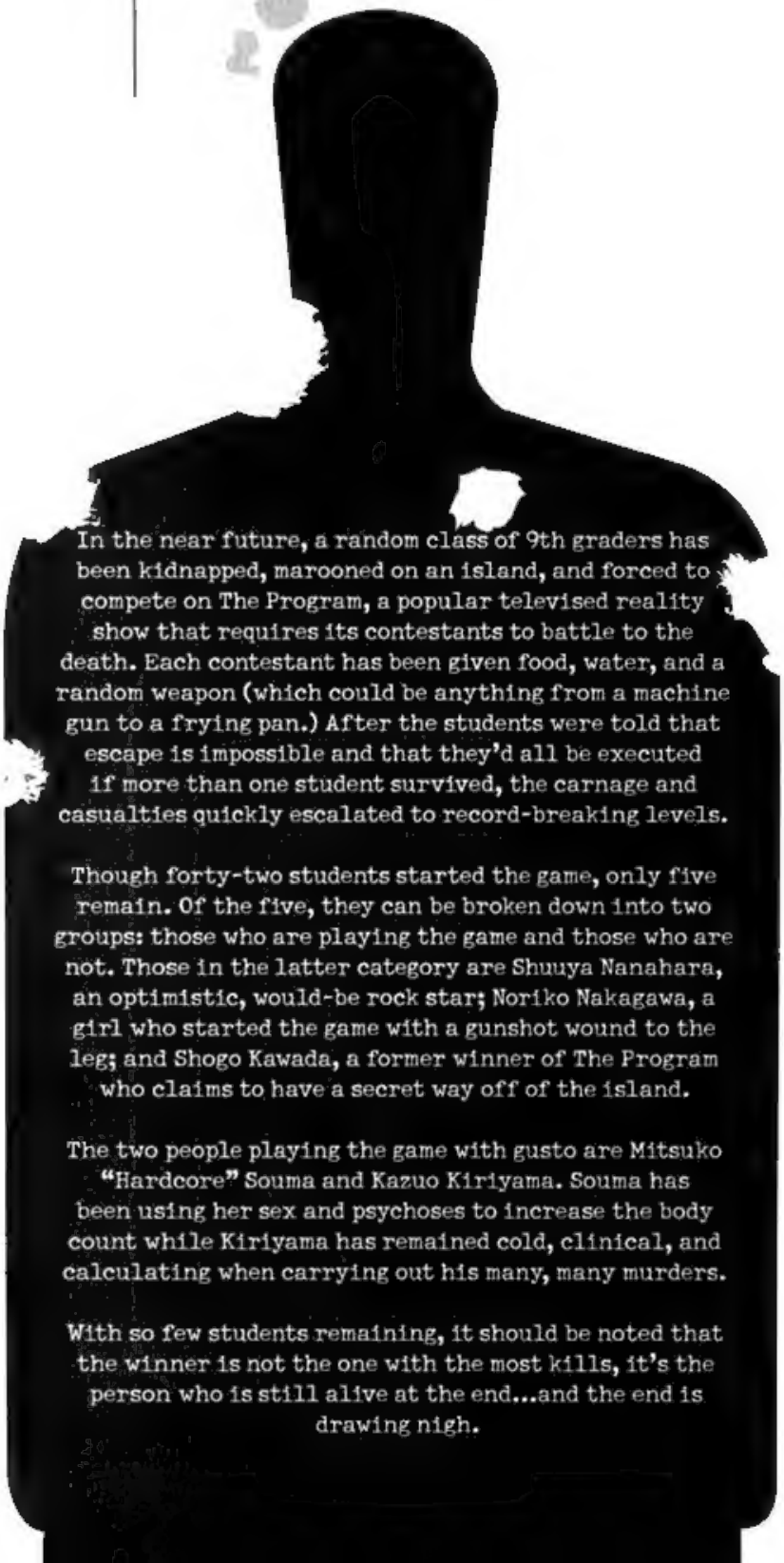

In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on The Program, a popular televised reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death. Each contestant has been given food, water, and a random weapon (which could be anything from a machine gun to a frying pan.) After the students were told that escape is impossible and that they'd all be executed if more than one student survived, the carnage and casualties quickly escalated to record-breaking levels.

Though forty-two students started the game, only five remain. Of the five, they can be broken down into two groups: those who are playing the game and those who are not. Those in the latter category are Shuuya Nanahara, an optimistic, would-be rock star; Noriko Nakagawa, a girl who started the game with a gunshot wound to the leg; and Shogo Kawada, a former winner of The Program who claims to have a secret way off of the island.

The two people playing the game with gusto are Mitsuko "Hardcore" Souma and Kazuo Kiriyama. Souma has been using her sex and psychoses to increase the body count while Kiriyama has remained cold, clinical, and calculating when carrying out his many, many murders.

With so few students remaining, it should be noted that the winner is not the one with the most kills, it's the person who is still alive at the end...and the end is drawing nigh.

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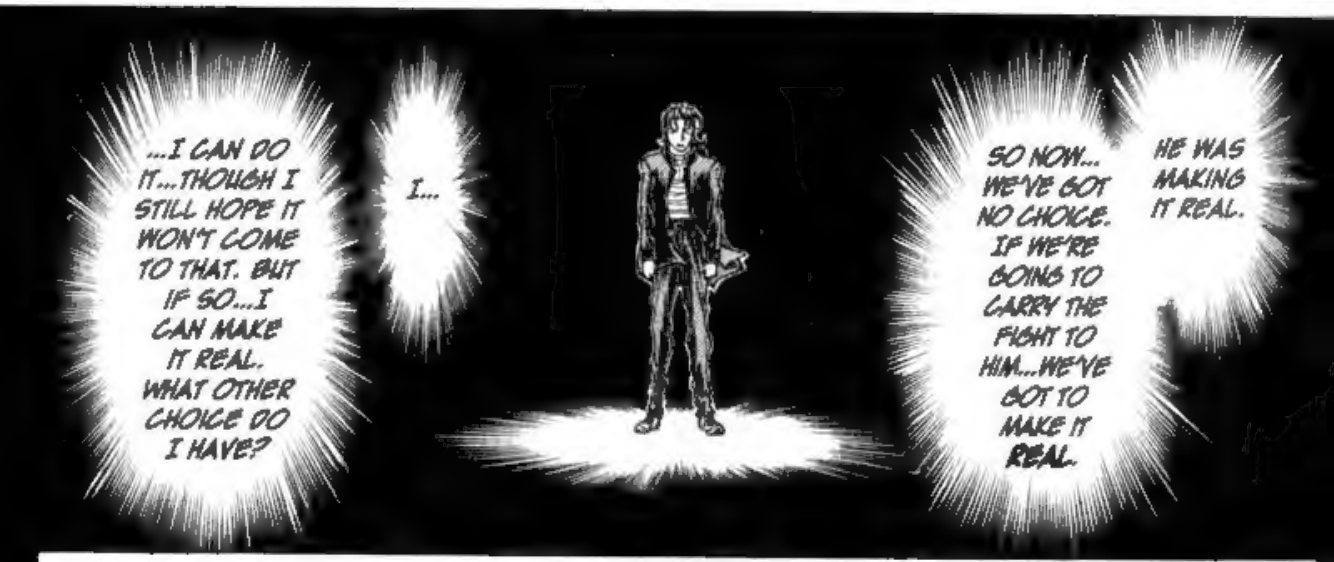
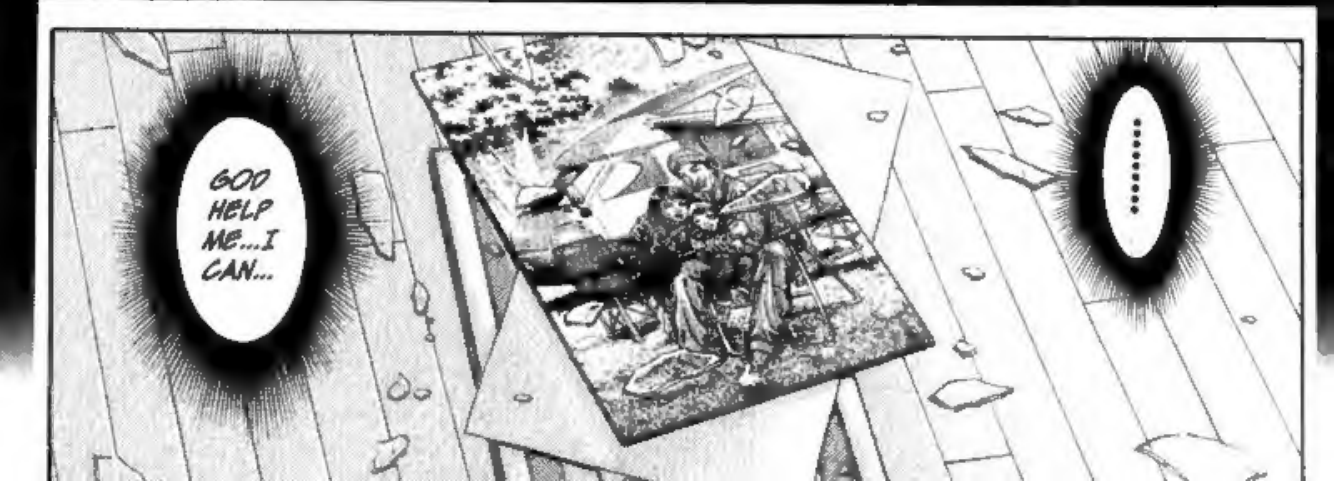
I THINK IT WAS...
...NO--NOT THINK. I'M POSITIVE IT REALLY SANK IN FOR ME WITH YUMIKO AND YUKIKO.
IT'S REAL.
IT'S REALLY REAL. IT'S NOT ALL DEATH BY ACCIDENT, OR FEAR, OR... Y'KNOW. SOME OF US WERE PLAYING FOR REAL. LIKE KIRIYAMA...

Chapter96


HE WAS MAKING IT REAL.
SO NOW... WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE. IF WE'RE GOING TO CARRY THE FIGHT TO HIM...WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT REAL.
I...
...I CAN DO IT...THOUGH I STILL HOPE IT WON'T COME TO THAT. BUT IF SO...I CAN MAKE IT REAL. WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO I HAVE?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GOD HELP ME...I CAN...

SOMETHING FUCKED KIRIYAMA UP--BIG TIME.
SICK AS IT IS TO THINK ABOUT... SOMETHING GOT TO HIM. SOMETHING MADE HIM LIKE THAT... SOMETHING TWISTED HIM...

WHAT I WON'T DO...WHAT I CAN'T DO...IS BELIEVE THAT A PERSON CAN BE EVIL FROM BIRTH.
THAT'S LIKE WRITING A PERSON OFF FROM DAY ONE. I CAN'T DO THAT. PEOPLE AREN'T BORN BAD...SHIT JUST HAPPENS. BAD SHIT.
YEAH...

CHAPTER 96: Closed Off Future

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IT'S...
SHUUYA ...
.....
EVERYTHING ABOUT HER SEEMS... WRONG.
JUST LOOK AT MITSUKO.
EVEN BEFORE ALL THIS... SOMETHING GOT TO HER... TWISTED HER... MADE HER...

SHIF
IOUX
.....
MY SOLO
TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK

"...FIND THE JUSTICE WITHIN THE ACT."
YOUR FATHER USED TO SAY, "WHEN IN DOUBT..."
SHIT HAPPENS. BELIEVE ME --I KNOW. IT'S HOW YOU DEAL WITH IT...
I HAD THINGS I COULD CLING TO... THINGS THAT MATTERED TO ME AND MADE ME STRONG.
!!

IT'S... IT'S HOW WE DEFINE OUR-SELVES WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING.
EVERY-ONE CLINGS TO SOME-THING... EVEN THE WORST OF US.
.....
YEAH. THAT'S THE TRICK
MITSU...
DADDY'S GIRL...

OUR SECRET YES..
MM MM
I FEEL YOU...
I FEEL YOU...
MM MM
FINDING OUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS. SEEING PAST THE PERSON TO THE REASONS THEY BECAME THE PERSON.
I GUESS DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING.
IT'S NOT SOME...SOME ACCIDENT OF BIRTH! THAT'S TOO MUCH OF A COP OUT--- AND AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME, COP-OUTS AIN'T GONNA CUT IT!
...DIGGING THROUGH LIFE'S ACCUMULATED CRAP TO FIND THE REAL PERSON...I GUESS THAT'S JUST TOO MUCH TROUBLE. THAT'S HOW WE LOSE THEM.
I FEEL YOU...
OUR SECRET. ALWAYS AND FOREVER...

ガラッ

CHK

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ハッ…
ノイキィル…

GOTCHA! GOTCHA GOOD!
HEH...

WE NEVER REALLY TRY TO GET THEM BACK... DO WE?
.....

WE NEVER REALLY TRY TO SEE THEM...
OOHHHE..

!!
NICE SPEECH. NO-- REALLY.
YOU MADE YOUR CASE AND WE LISTENED. AND, IN A WAY, YOU'RE DEAD ON.
WHAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IS...
SHIT, SHUUYA... WHY AM I ALWAYS THE BAD GUY?! LOOK-- IT DON'T MATTER WHY THEY'RE FUCKED UP! FACT IS THEY JUST [redacted]
FUCKED UP AND ARMED TO THE TEETH!
BAS-TARD!!

M-MY FACE!! YOU COCK-SUCKING BASTARD!!
SHUUYA... IT'S TOO LATE.
.....
MAYBE THEY WEREN'T BORN BAD BUT THEY'RE MOST DEFINITELY BAD NOW
MY FACE !!

THE TIME FOR UNDER-STANDING'S LONG GONE THOSE TWO ARE MAD DOGS.
THAT'S THE REALITY OF IT
THINK OF IT AS PUTTING THEM OUT OF THEIR MISERY IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.
WHETHER THEY WERE BORN THIS WAY, OR THEY'RE A PRODUCT OF HARD LIVES, OR THEY ONLY GOT ONE SCOOP OF RAISINS IN THEIR CORNFLAKES...IT DOESN'T MATTER! BECAUSE AS OF NOW, IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED!
THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD INSIDE. CLIMBING A FENCE LEANING TOWARDS YOU, KISSING A GIRL LEANING AWAY FROM YOU, AND HELPING SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO BE HELPED--- THOSE ARE THE THREE HARDEST THINGS IN THE WORLD TO DO.
I REALLY DON'T CARE.
!!

OH...
II
GLASS...
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GET A BAG OF GLASS?!

AND EVEN IF THEY DID...
THEY DON'T WANT HELP
.....
...WE'RE WAY PAST HELPING ANYONE BUT OURSELVES... BELIEVE IT!

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CHAPTER 97:
Natural Born Killers

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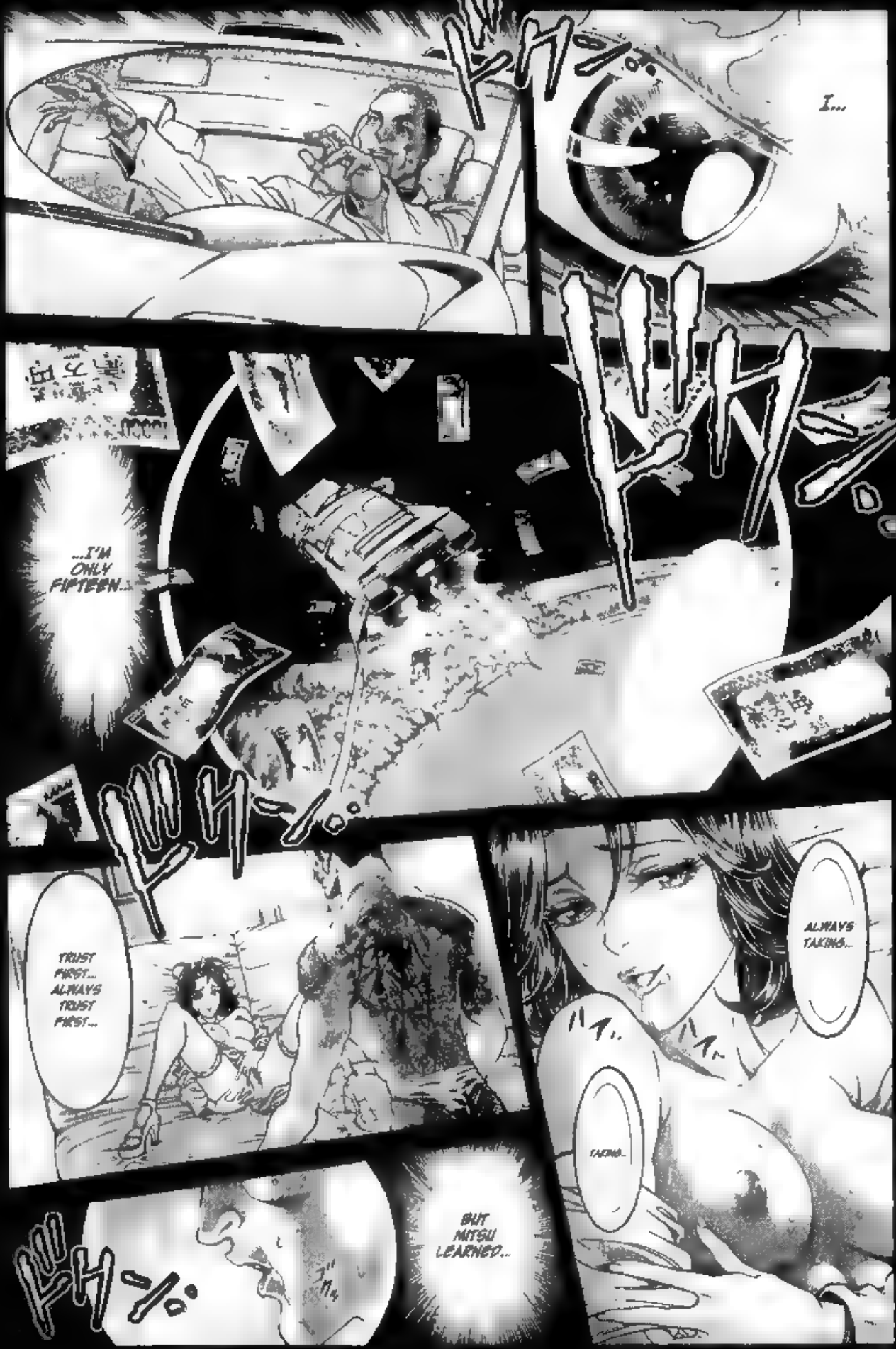

I...
...I'M ONLY FIFTEEN...
TRUST FIRST... ALWAYS TRUST FIRST...
ALWAYS TAKING...
TAKING...
BUT MITSU LEARNED...

TRUST FIRST! ALWAYS TRUST FIRST!
MITSU LEARNED HOW TO TAKE!
I...
THEY...
YES...
TAKE IT ALL...
TRY TO TAKE IT BACK...
IF THEY KNOW...
NEVER TELL...

LIES... ALL LIES!
THEY ALWAYS PROMISE THEY'LL STAY...
BAD ENOUGH THEY LIE...
TSK...
ORPHANED... AND SO VERY YOUNG...
POOR MITSUKO...
TSK...

MITSU KNOWS. YES, SHE DOES. BLOOD AND HURTING AND TAKING IT ALL...
YOU...YOU LIKE YOUR WOMEN TO BLEED? WELL, YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST..
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME... BUT YOU DIDN'T. NO...YOU DIDN'T...

KIRIYAMA... MITSU KNOWS YOU...YES SHE DOES...
ドコロオ!!
?
.....
A FLASH OF THIS, A PEEK OF PINK. YOU ALL LOOK...
HOPING FOR IT.
YOU ALL LOOK.
YOU LOOK.
.....
?
.....
!
YOU LIKE THIS. DON'T YOU?
ス!!

.....
.....
DON'T PRETEND YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT...! Y'KNOW... MICKEY AND MALLORY... NATURAL BORN KILLERS YOUR KIND...YOU LOVE IT LIKE THAT!
JUST LIKE.
...THAT MOVIE..
I'M MUCH BETTER LOOKING THAN MALLORY... DON'T YOU THINK? HER BREASTS... HMPH! WHAT BREASTS?
TELL ME...THE ACTRESS... JULIE SOMETHING DID YOU WANT HER, KIRIYAMA?
DID YOU TOUCH YOURSELF, KIRIYAMA? DID IT... DO IT FOR YOU?
DID YOU WANT TO FUCK HER, ALL SWEATY AND BLOODY AND IN OH SO MUCH PAIN?

BUT I'M REAL... SEE?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOUCH ME?
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TOUCH YOU? TASTE YOU? HMM?
SHE'S
NOT REAL, IS SHE? THAT'S WHY ALL THE POOR BOYS HAD TO TOUCH THEM-SELVES..
.....
ZZZZK

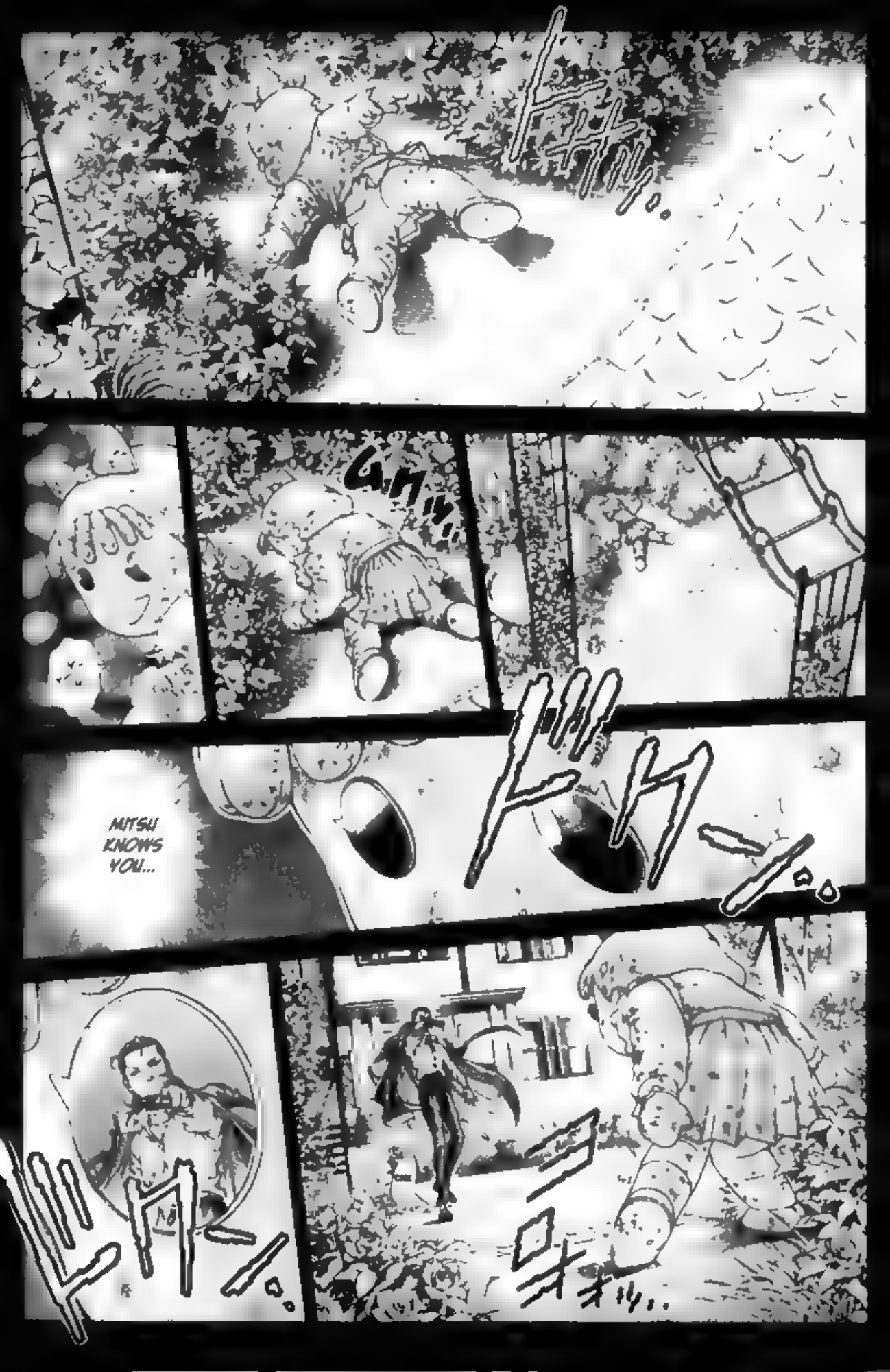
I CAN MAKE YOU FEEL THINGS...HAVE YOU EVER, KIRIYAMA? HAVE YOU EVER FUCKED A WILLING GIRL? NO? YES?
I CAN DO THINGS..
SURE YOU DO. KILLING AND FUCKING. I CAN RELATE. MICKEY AND MALLORY. YEAH...YOU WANT IT. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
AHH...IS THAT IT? DO YOU WANT ME TO CRY? STRUGGLE? SCREAM WHILE YOU TAKE ME AGAINST MY WILL?
MITSU KNOWS ALL ABOUT THAT, TOO...
THAT'S THE WAY, ISN'T IT? BLOOD AND PAIN AND TAKING IT ALL...
NO...! PLEASE DON'T
KILL ME..

I CAN BE GOOD FOR YOU, KIRIYAMA.
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT...
.....
NO...
...DON'T TELL ME... JUST DO IT TO ME!
TAKE ME ANY WAY YOU WANT --NOW.
ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES... BLOOD AND PAIN, KIRIYAMA-- OR SHOULD I CALL YOU MICKEY?

FIRST THE TRUST!!

NO!!
MITSU GREW UP! NO!
NO MORE SPINDLY! BREASTS, DADDY! BREASTS!!
I.
SEXY... SEXY GIRL...
DADDY'S GIRL...
THEY ALL LIE...

YOU CAN HIT ME, TOO... IF YOU PROMISE... FOR REAL...
MOMMY HITS, TOO... BECAUSE SHE KNOWS...
AH
AH


MITSU KNOWS YOU...

YES
KRRIP

モコ..
KRIP
M-MITSU KNOWS ALL OF YOU..
モコォ..

WHY DOES THE LOVE ALWAYS HURT?! PLEASE-- TELL ME!!
IT ALWAYS HURTS... WHY?
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I-
IT.
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS H-HURT...?
N-
NO
IF YOU.. IF YOU LET THEM KNOW... THEY TRY TO T-TAKE IT BACK..
Chapter98

CHAPTER 98: Magic

PAIN...

...ALWAYS PAIN...
HAA
HAA
PAIN...
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HURT...?

I'M ONLY FIFTEEN...
I DON'T THINK REALLY BAD PEOPLE...I DON'T THINK THEIR EYES CAN EVER LOOK THAT WAY.
LOST PEOPLE... SOMETIMES THEY DO BAD THINGS.
THEN TELL ME AGAIN... HOW YOU'LL STAY WITH ME.
TOUCHING MAKES IT BETTER...
MAKES IT ALL FEEL BETTER...
I CAN FEEL IT! I CAN FEEL THE LOVE!

EVERYONE LEAVES... EVERYONE DIES...
EVERYONE LEAVES...NO LOVE FOR MITSU...
NO LOVE FOR...
IT... IT...
IT ALWAYS HURTS..
DADDY'S GIRL...
MITSU
NO...
!!

NOOO!!
NOT ALONE

NOT ALONE !!

ズリ..
ズリ..
ズリ..
.....
NO!!
NO
MORE
PAIN!!

I FEEL YOU...
MMM
!!
.....

MAGIC.. MAGIC EMILY CLOSEST TO HIS HEART
DADDY SAID SO THE REAL DADDY!
NOT THE TOUCHING DADDY MAGIC EMILY!
CLOSEST TO DADDY'S HEART!
I CAN FEEL HIM!
HE SAID SO! DADDY SAID
..CLOSEST TO HIS HEART..!
DADDY'S LOVE DOESN'T HURT!
DOESN'T HURT.. NOPE!
.....
I CAN FEEL HIM!
DADDY DIDN'T LEAVE!

MAGIC EMILY...
NO HURTING.. NO MORE HURT.
NO TOUCHING... NO!
ALWAYS THERE FOR MITSU.
CLOSEST TO HIS HEART!
mag cal emily
マジカル★エミリ
FOR DADDY'S GIRL...
OOH. A RED ONE!
ガブッ
クルッ

IT'S OKAY. I DON'T BITE
TOO MANY REDS?
AW,
I ALREADY GOT A RED ONE!
I'LL GIVE YOU A DOLLAR FOR IT. FOUR FOR ONE. SOUND GOOD?
I KNOW A CERTAIN LITTLE GIRL WHO WOULD JUST LOVE A RED ONE LIKE THAT.
MAGIC BAULY
SURE, MISTER!
THEY'RE CALLED MAGIC BAULIES!

I CAN FEE--
HELP!!

YEEEARGH!!
NO!!
NOT WITH THE MAGIC!! NO HURTING WITH THE MAGIC!!
H-H...
H-H..
H-H...
IT HURTS
IT ALWAYS IT HURTS

H-
H...
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H...
H-
H...
H-
H...
H-
H...
MAGIC
EMILY,
MOMMY!
WRIT OF DIVORCE

I REALLY, REALLY TRIED
BUT DADDY... DADDY'S GOT TO GO AWAY..
N-NO!!
I CAN FEEL HIM!!
IT'S FOR THE BEST...
.....
H-HE...
H-HE PRO-PRO-MISED!
H-MAGIC!
H-H...
H-H..
WHY?

PLEASE PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME... PLEASE!
TAKE ME WITH YOU! WHY CAN'T YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU?!
WHY, DADDY?!
H-H...
H-H...
DADDY MESSED UP, MITSU. DADDY MESSED UP VERY BADLY. I... I CAN'T STAY...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WITH ME!
I'M DADDY'S GIRL! YOU SAID! DADDY'S GIRL!
WE CAN SELL MY DOLLIES IF YOU NEED MONEY AND... AND...
BUT WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER! I KNOW WE CAN! WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER AND. AND ..
H"H..
THINGS WENT... WRONG.
THERE ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO... DADDY DID ONE OF THOSE THINGS AND NOW... NOW I'VE GOT TO GO.
IF I STAY... EVERYONE GETS HURT YOU, MOMMY . EVERYONE. I.. I'VE GOT TO GO.
THERE ARE VERY BAD PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ME .. VERY BAD.

I
THIS IS OUR SECRET, OKAY? JUST FOR YOU AND ME
NO IT'S NOT MONEY
HERE I GOT YOU SOMETHING.
MAGIC EMILY ?
LIKE IN THE PICTURE BOOKS? FOR REAL?!
MAGIC EMILY TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.
MITSU. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE DADDY'S GIRL.
JUST REMEMBER...
...AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THIS...
...YOU CAN ALWAYS FEEL ME AS IF I NEVER LEFT...
FOR REAL. SHE SAID THIS WILL KEEP YOU...
...CLOSEST TO MY HEART.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WANT IT BAD ENOUGH...
DADDY NEVER LEFT!! DADDY NEVER LEFT MITSU!! I CAN FEEL HIM!!

I-IT'S THE MAGIC!
I CAN F-FEEL HIM!
HE NEVER HURT MITSU!
EVERYONE HURTS MITSU!
BUT DADDY NEVER LEFT!!
KRK
KK
.....
D-DON'T YOU S-SEE?!
ONLY DADDY NEVER HURT MITSU!
EVERY-ONE ELSE LEAVES!
!!
KIRI-YAMA.. NO
!!

NO..
V-
YOU
.....
YOU
.....

YOU CAN'T.. KIRI-YAMA...
NO...
.....
DADDY'S WATCHING... YOU C-CAN'T... CAN YOU FEEL HIM...? CAN YOU?

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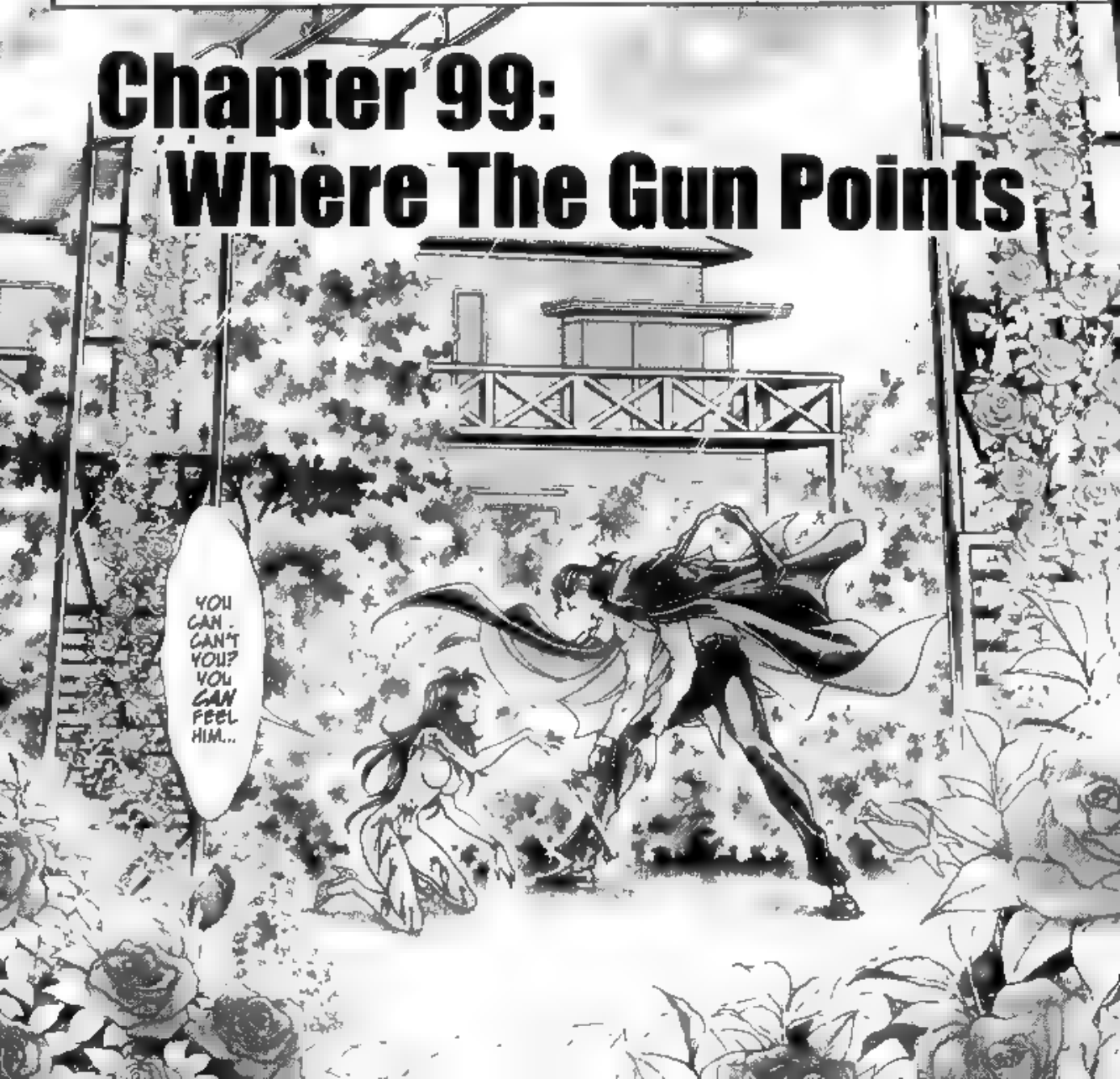


HE NEVER LEFT!!
YOU SEE?!

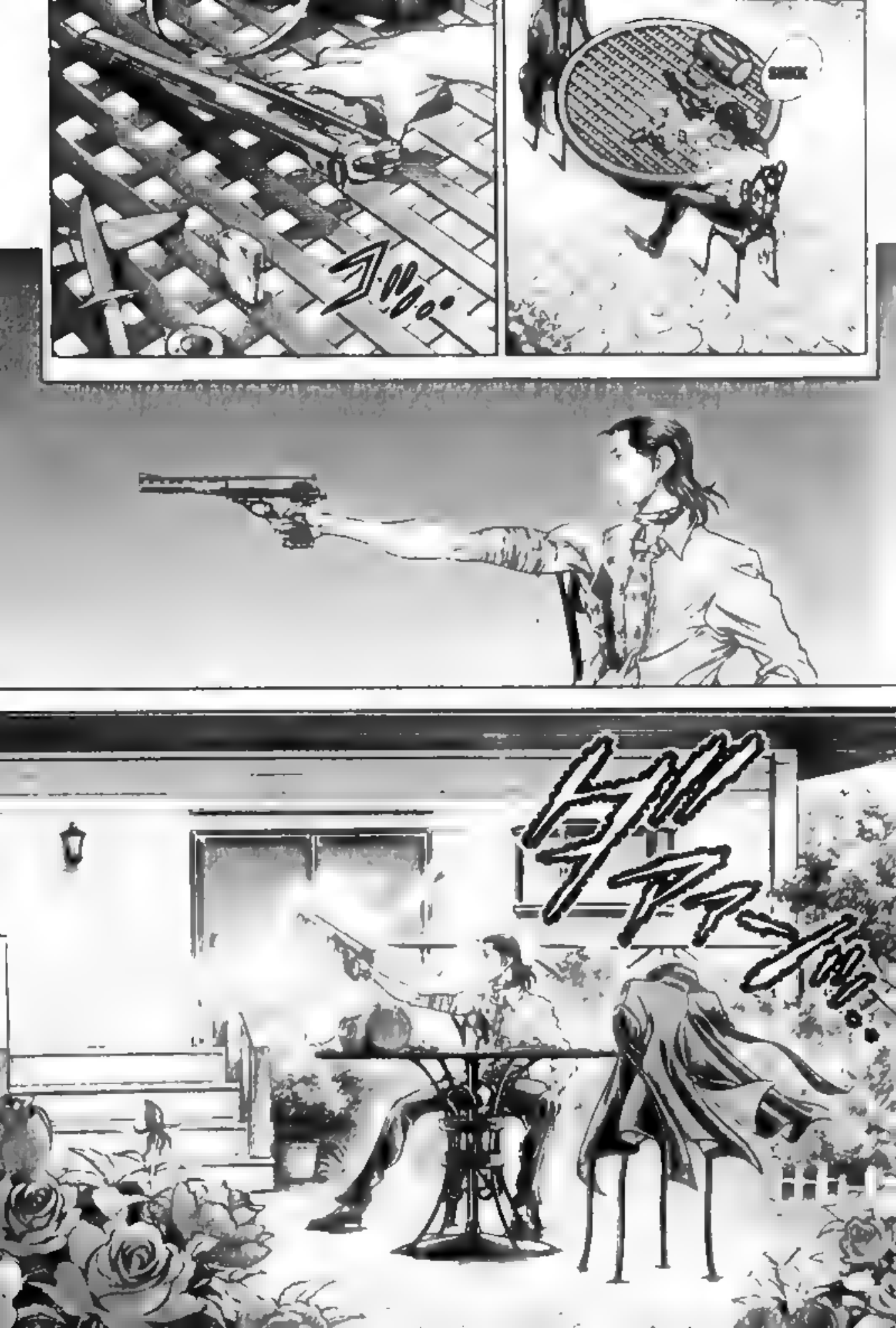
MITSU.
DADDY'S GIRL...

AHHH...
DADDY...?
I... CAN'T...

HHH...
I CAN'T FEEL YOU...
DON'T... PLEASE... DON'T... GO...

.....
DON'T...
HURTS...
DADDY...
PROMISED...
YOU PROM...

EVERYONE CLINGS TO SOMETHING. EVEN THE WORST OF US...
IT'S HOW WE DEFINE OURSELVES WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING.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...IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED!
AS OF NOW...
MAYBE THEY WEREN'T BORN BAD... BUT THEY'RE MOST DEFINITELY BAD NOW.
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.....
WHAT I WON'T DO...
...WHAT I CAN'T DO...IS BELIEVE THAT A PERSON CAN BE EVIL FROM BIRTH.
.....
THAT'S LIKE WRITING A PERSON OFF FROM DAY ONE. I CAN'T DO THAT. PEOPLE AREN'T BORN BAD...

CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
WHAT GOOD IS DOING THE RIGHT THING IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY?
FEELINGS. PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS, SHOGO.
THERE'S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AS WELL.
CHEE
CHEE

?
BAD? HUH?
?
AM I REALLY THAT BAD?
SIGH...
I KEEP CIRCLING AROUND TO THE SAME REACTION. LOOK AT THE TWO OF YOU.
WILD?
HUH.
BUT BETTER SAD THAN DEAD... RIGHT?
GUESS THAT'S MY LOT IN LIFE...MR. BUZZ-KILL. YEAH...
SHE TENDED TO LOOK AS MISERABLE AS YOU TWO ONCE IT WAS ALL SAID AND DONE.
I...USED TO GET INTO SIMILAR "DISCUSSIONS" WITH...WELL...SHE GAVE ME THIS.
SHE WHAT?
HUH?
SHE... MADE THE MISTAKE OF STANDING BY ME
WANNA SEE? I'VE GOT HER PICTURE
.....
OKAY SURE
?

OH...! OH MY ...!
KAWADA. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ?!
PLEASE TELL ME THAT'S NOT A BON JOVI CUT!
.....
KAWADA. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND..
...I MEAN, SHE WAS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND.. RIGHT?
HE'H. YEAH.

...IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO ACT. YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHY YOU ACT. KNOW THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE ACT.
SHE WAS ALWAYS TELLING ME...
HER MISTAKE WAS CHOOSING ME. SHE USED TO...
YEAH... BUT WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES.
SHE JUST SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.
NOT PHYSICALLY, MIND YOU. LORD KNOWS I'D CUT MY OWN ARM OFF BEFORE I'D...
I KNOW I HURT HER... A LOT.
ME? THAT LESSON NEVER SANK IN. "THICK AS A BRICK," SHE USED TO CALL ME.
SHE WAS ALWAYS TAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS INTO CONSIDERATION...
KAWADA... THE GAME! YOU...YOU WON! LAST TIME YOU WON!!
...IS THAT WHY SOMETIMES YOU SEEM SO...SO...
IS THAT IT?! IS THAT WHY YOU...
SHE WAS HERE THE FIRST TIME YOU...
OH SHIT! HER UNIFORM! SHE WAS IN YOUR CLASS!

I PLAYED... SHE PLAYED.
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP CALLING IT "WINNING," SHU. IT'S FAR FROM.
SHE WAS GOOD. I WAS BETTER. BUT ONLY AT THE GAME, SHU...ONLY AT THE FUCKING GAME.
!!
!!
SHE LOVED ME TOO MUCH...I LOVED HER TOO LITTLE. KILL OR BE KILLED, REMEMBER?
SHIT...
KANADA. DON'T.

KEIKO... DON'T!
NO...
IT'S THE GAME, SHU.
NO!!
IT'S ALL THE FUCKING GAME!
GET AWAY !!

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CHAPTER 100: The Identity of the Heart

NO...
KEIKO... DON'T!
ALL THE SAME...
NO!!
SHE LOVED ME TOO MUCH...
...I LOVED HER TOO LITTLE.
GET AWAY !!

CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
WHAT WAS I THINKING? EVERY TWIST OF THIS BRINGS HER MEMORY CLOSER...
THIS IS KILLING ME.
.....
DO I WANT TO GO THERE AGAIN? CAN I STAND IT?
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE

IF IT WEREN'T FOR HER, I'D NEVER HAVE WON...
I DIDN'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH OF IT, SHIUNA.
C'MON-- TAKE A FEW GUESSES.
IT'S A PRESENT FROM ME TO YOU.
OKAY... I'LL BITE. WHAT IS IT?
?
.....
YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU.. AH...
.....

OH...
NOT A SEX TOY, THEN...
GIVE IT HERE. LET ME SHOW YOU.
MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.
!
CHEE
DO IT LIKE THIS...
PFFT! DREAM ON.
.....
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CHEE
CUTE.

...NOW THAT YOU HAVE THE BIRDCALL... HOW ABOUT A BIT OF BIRD WATCHING THIS SUNDAY?
SO...
IT'S A BIRDCALL.
HERE YOU GO
WELL... I THINK I CAN LOOSEN UP MY SCHED--
NO!! WE DIDN'T...!! YOU... NO!!
!
!!

SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP US!!
MY BABY! MY BABY!! YOU CAN'T... HELP US !!
I'LL GO QUIETLY-- BUT NOT THEM! PLEASE NOT THEM!!
WAIT--!! DON'T!! MY WIFE.. SHE DOESN'T KNOW! SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!!
YOU LOOKING TO JOIN THEM?! WHATEVER IT IS THEY DID, THEY GOT CAUGHT!
HEY! WHOA!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
PLEASE! SOMEONE! PLEASE!!
IN!!
IN!!
BUT...
...THE BABY..

THEY WON'T HURT THE KID.
HE'LL BE PLUGGED INTO THE STATE SPONSORED FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. HUH. BETTER THEY *KILLED* HIM...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK. I DIDN'T DO WHATEVER STUPID THING IT WAS THAT TRIGGERED... *THAT.*
DUMB ASS JUST FLUSHED HIS FAMILY DOWN THE DRAIN--AND FOR WHAT? A FEW BLACK MARKET BUCKS? A CRUDELY WRITTEN MANIFESTO?
DISSIDENTS SHOULDN'T HAVE FAMILIES. FAUX DISSIDENTS EVEN MORE SO.

WHAT ABOUT THE BABY?! WHAT DID HE EVER DO?!
NOT TOO COLD...!

WHAT YOU DON'T DO IS GO OFF TILTING AT GOVERNMENT WINDMILLS. THAT DRAWS THE WRONG KIND OF ATTENTION AND EVERYBODY SUFFERS.
WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME, WRONG PARENTS. YOU HAVE A KID, YOU PROTECT THAT KID NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU'RE SERIOUS...
!!

YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN ABOUT PICKING YOUR FIGHTS, KEIKO. LESSON ONE--NEVER SIDE WITH A FOOL.
SIGH.

ESPECIALLY IF IT'S NOT JUST YOU THAT'S GONNA SUFFER WHEN IT ALL BLOWS UP IN YOUR IDIOTIC, SELF-CENTERED FACE.
A SENSE OF JUSTICE DOESN'T LEGITIMIZE STUPIDITY. THINK BEFORE YOU ACT.

UH...DID I MISS SOMETHING?
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO INFLEXIBLE? SO...COLD-BLOODED?
TOO LATE. I ALREADY *HAVE*.
IT'S NOT ALL SO INTELLECTUALLY CUT AND DRIED!
PEOPLE ARE MORE COMPLEX THAN THAT!
PEOPLE HAVE *FEELINGS*! IT'S JUST THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK WITH THEIR HEARTS, SHOGO! IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT INTELLECT...
.....
IT'S THE WAY YOU... YOUR...
NO. YOU DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING. YOU NEVER DO.
THERE'S MORE TO...
WHAT?
.....

IT'S NOT ALL THAT DIFFICULT...
?
WHY IS THIS SO DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO GRASP?!
THE HEART
THINK WITH THE HEART... HMM...
THE DONOR WAS SOME YOUNG GUY WHO DIED WHEN HE TOOK A DIVE OFF HIS HARLEY. A REAL LIVE HARD, DIE YOUNG, LEAVE A GOOD-LOOKING CORPSE TYPE, Y'KNOW?
MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN, RIGHT? SO THE SWITCHEROO GOES DOWN WITHOUT A HITCH. BUT
LISTEN.. MY DAD ONCE SHOWED ME THIS MEDICAL JOURNAL ARTICLE IT WAS ALL ABOUT THIS MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN THAT GOT A HEART TRANSPLANT.. IN AMERICA, I THINK IT WAS.
NOW, I KNOW HEART TRANSPLANTS AREN'T THE BIG DEAL THEY WERE TEN OR FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-- BUT THAT'S NOT THE STORY.
?
MAKE THAT A SHITLOAD. OH YEAH...
...A FEW PECULIARITIES STARTED POPPING UP. WAIT--DID I SAY A FEW?
...AFTER EVERYONE FIGURED IT WAS ALL SAID AND DONE...

FOR INSTANCE, THE WOMAN PICKED UP A TASTE FOR BELL PEPPERS--BUT SHE'D HATED THEM BEFORE.
SHE BECAME A BONA FIDE JUNK FOOD JUNKIE--WHEREAS BEFORE SHE'D BEEN VEGAN TO THE CORE.
THEN SHE STARTED DRINKING AND CARRYING ON AND...WELL.... HERE'S THE REAL KICKER...
...SHE EVEN PICKED UP A TASTE FOR BIG-TITTIED BLONDE BIMBETTES AND STRIPPERS.
I'M TALKING SCREAMING THIGH SWEATS, HERE. "SUFFERING SAPPHO," IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT.
Beergentle
chicken
SHE PICKED UP ALL OF HER HEART DONOR'S TASTES.
UH HUH.
PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BOUGHT A HARLEY IF HER HUSBAND HADN'T PUT HIS FOOT DOWN.
I THINK YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOING.
THIS FROM A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD MATRON.
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FEELING OUT WHAT'S *RIGHT* VIA THE HEART!
LIKE *THAT!*
YES!
BUT I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS ACTUAL MEDICAL PROOF THAT THE HEART CAN DICTATE ACTION! YOU SAID THIS WAS IN AN ACTUAL ARTICLE?!
...THAT THE HEART DICTATED THE THINGS THE BRAIN COULDN'T. THAT THERE WAS MORE TO LIFE THAN LOGIC AND ROTE.
I ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT FEELINGS...
?
!!
YOU'RE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS LET ME FINISH...
NOT SO FAST...!

NOW, ACCORDING TO THE SCIENTIFIC TEAM THAT LOOKED INTO THE MATTER...
...CALLED "ICNS," OR SOME ACRONYM LIKE THAT. ANYWAY, THE ARGUMENT WAS MADE THAT THE HEART CAN BE CONSIDERED A KIND OF... SECONDARY BRAIN.
...THERE'RE THESE MASSIVE NETWORKS OF NERVES COMMON TO BOTH THE HEART AND THE BRAIN...
THAT WOULD MAKE THE HEART CAPABLE OF RUDIMENTARY THOUGHT, INSTINCTUAL CHOICE--EVEN BASAL MEMORY.
KEEP IN MIND THAT A LOT OF THIS IS CONJECTURE. THAT'S ABOUT AS FAR AS THE EGGHEADS TAKE IT--COMPARABLE NERVE CLUSTERS. ANY FURTHER, AND THEY'D RISK LOOKING FOOLISH...AND YOU KNOW HOW FRAIL THEIR EGOS ARE.
...YOU SAID
BUT
.....
FACT IS, IT'S NOT AN UNCOMMON PHENOMENON AMONG HEART TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS... JUST NOT TO THAT EXTREME
I THINK THESE SCIENTISTS ARE MAKING A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL. UNIQUE CASE ASIDE, ANY PERSONALITY CHANGE IS NEGLIGIBLE.
WHEN I WAS A KID, I LOVED CARROTS. COULDN'T GET ENOUGH TODAY? CAN'T STAND THEM. MORAL? PEOPLE'S TASTES CHANGE--SOMETIMES RADICALLY. JUST DOESN'T MEAN I'M CHANNELING SOMEONE ELSE'S TASTES--NEW HEART OR NOT.
NOT EXACTLY A ROMANTIC NOTION, BUT THERE YOU HAVE IT. THE HEART'S A MUSCLE. IT DOESN'T THINK ANY MORE THAN A PECTORAL MUSCLE.
CHK
OKAY...FROM HERE ON IT'S STRICTLY MY OPINION--WITH NO FACTS TO BACK IT UP SO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, OKAY?

FILE IT UNDER ELVES AND PIXIES AND UFOS AND ALL OF THE OTHER CRAP THAT CLUTTERS SMALL MINDS. SURE, ROMANTIC THOUGHT HAS ITS PLACE...IN FANTASY. LET'S TRY TO KEEP THAT IN MIND. REALITY IS AS PRESENTED.
BOTTOM LINE--THIS HEART STUFF? I'M NOT BUYING IT.
SHF.
WHAT'S IN HERE PUMPS BLOOD. IT'S WHAT'S UP TOP THAT DOES THE THINKING--AND WE'RE STILL NOT SURE HOW THAT WORKS.
.....
!
"I USED TO BELIEVE THE BRAIN WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGAN IN THE BODY. THEN I REALIZED--LOOK WHAT'S TELLING ME THAT."
TOK
REALITY CHECK, KEIKO. POETRY? FROM UP HERE. ROMANCE? FROM UP HERE. LOVE? FROM UP HERE. NOW HERE'S WHERE IT GETS PERVERSE...
ONLY GOOD LAUGH THAT EMO COMEDIAN EVER GAVE ME. AND BOY, DID I EVER LAUGH...
HOSTILITY? UP HERE. MURDER? UP HERE. RAPE? UP HERE. GET THE PICTURE?

!
...ROTTING IN MATCHING CELLS WHILE YOUR KID'S PUT THROUGH THE STATE MEAT GRINDER.
START BUYING INTO ALL THAT HEART'S DESIRE CRAP, AND YOU'LL WIND UP LIKE THOSE TWO WE JUST SAW HAULED OFF...
YOU GO THROUGH ALL OF THAT JUST TO CALL ME STUPID?!
ALL THAT...
.....
I... AH... HIT A NERVE ?
?
I WAS JUST MAKING A POINT! IT WAS...
!!
HUH? N-NO!
KEIKO..
AGAIN ?!
I'M GOING. YOU'RE STAYING.
.....
WHY DO I BOTHER ?!
EVERY TIME, IT'S THE SAME-- YOU ALL SMUG AND SELF-RIGHTEOUS... AND ME IN TEARS!

SHE WAS REALLY PISSED. THIS TIME'S GONNA COST ME BIG.
AGAIN.
THAT WAS THE DAY BEFORE THEY TOOK US. TALK ABOUT YOUR BAD TIMING, EH?

THEY DO IT DIFFERENT EVERY TIME. GOT TO. IF WORD GOT OUT THAT SOME FIELD TRIPS END HERE... WELL, YOU GET THE PICTURE.
DIF-FERENT VENUE, TOO. URBAN.
WE THOUGHT WE WERE JUST GETTING SCHOOL PHYSICALS. SURPRISE!
THEY CAN BE REAL CLEVER BASTARDS.
YEAH...
GUESS SOME PEOPLE DON'T TAKE TOO KINDLY TO FORCED RELO-CATION.
THAT, OR WE WERE BEING RERUN THROUGH A PRE-VIOUSLY USED VENUE...
67回 プログラム
WE FOUGHT IT OUT IN A SEALED OFF GHETTO. HELL... IT LOOKED LIKE A WAR'D ALREADY BEEN FOUGHT THERE...
INNER CITY...

SUGIMURA 'N' ME... WE GOT THAT MUCH IN COMMON.
I LOOKED FOR HER
.....
HUH.
KEIKO! WAIT!! PLEASE!!
HOPE SUGIMURA'S BETTER AT IT ..BECAUSE I TOTALLY FUCKED UP.
WANT TO HEAR THE REALLY FUCKED UP PART?
.....
I TRUSTED YOU! I TRUSTED YOU TO BE THERE!!
GET AWAY!!
N-NO!
KEIKO ?!

WHAT I DO KNOW IS SHE SAW ME TAKE A KID DOWN.. SO SHE FREAKED CAN YOU BLAME HER?
KEIKO?! SHIT!!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE MEANT.
KEIKO! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!!
KEIKO !!
!!

FUCKING BITCH !!
I WAS WRONG. IT WAS EXACTLY AS SHE THOUGHT
I WAS PLAYING.
GONE
AND KEIKO ?
THAT MADE TWO DOWN BY MY HAND.

I WAS...I WAS REALLY GOOD...AT PLAYING. REALLY GOOD...
.....
AT LEAST NOT ANYMORE. KILL OR BE KILLED. THEM OR ME. PLAY TO WIN...
JUST HAD TO KEEP REMINDING MYSELF THAT THEY WEREN'T MY FRIENDS...
DEMONIZING 101. ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS BELIEVE.
AND IF YOU SAY IT OFTEN ENOUGH...

GUESS BACK THEN I FIGURED I HAD A LOT TO LIVE FOR...
SO I PLAYED
HUH.
AND I DID.
.....
YEAH...
K-TASH!
I'D LIKE TO THINK PART OF ME FOUGHT SO I COULD FIND KEIKO AGAIN AND PROTECT HER

BUT THAT'D BE BULL-SHIT
.....
I WAS IN THE ZONE. TAKING THEM DOWN AND...GOD HELP ME... KEEPING COUNT.

HE...I CHANNELED IT INTO ANGER.
UH HUH
THE ONE THING YOU CAN COUNT ON IN THIS GAME IS PAIN.
NOT THAT I DIDN'T TAKE MY FAIR SHARE OF ABUSE.
I KNOW...
H-H...
H-H...
TOO CLOSE TO KIRIYAMA FOR COMFORT, HUH?
THIS SWEETIE KEPT ME PUMPED UP FOR THE BETTER PART OF A DAY.
TAP
!!
H-H...
H-H...
AND BEFORE YOU ASK-- NO I DON'T REMEMBER FEELING A DAMN THING.
H-H
H-H
H-H...
GUESS THAT'S WHAT I WAS TO MY CLASSMATES, KIRIYAMA.

PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
PING
FIVE...

KAWADA! NO!! I'M NOT PL--
FIVE MORE TO GO!
MINUS ME... THREE...
P-PING
PING
MINUS KEIKO... TWO...
PING
FOUR.
PING
CHK
ズズ...

I'D FOUND HER...AGAIN. GUESS NOW I WAS GONNA FIGURE OUT HOW DEEP THE BULLSHIT WENT.
I SWEAR TO-- YOU SO MUCH AS TWITCH AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND HERE GETS A BLOOD AND BONE FACIAL! TRY ME, KILLER! TRY ME!!
O-OKAY! DON'T SHOOT!! I'M RIGHT HERE... OKAY?
S-STAY BACK!! STAY BACK OR.. OR I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL BLOW HER FUCKING BRAINS OUT!!
KEIKO..

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CHAPTER 101: Rejection

I SAW YOU MAKE HER CRY-- AGAIN! THAT DAY IN THE PARK! I SAW!!
YOU ALWAYS MAKE HER CRY! SHE DESERVES BETTER THAN YOU! SO WHY IS IT ALWAYS YOU?!
.....
!!
NAKA-TA...
WHY DOES SHE LET YOU SOIL HER?! WHAT HOLD DO YOU HAVE ON HER?!
SHE SHE'S AN ANGEL
!!
NAKA-TA DON'T!
.....

IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME! SHE DESERVES BETTER!
SHE CRIED ALL THE WAY HOME! I SAW! DID YOU KNOW THAT?! DO YOU EVEN CARE?!
JUST THE THOUGHT OF THAT ANIMAL TOUCHING YOU...
WHY, KEIKO... WHY?!
WHY DO YOU LET HIM?!
.....
.....
...VIOLATING YOU...AHH, GOD...!

...HER EYES WERE STILL RED FROM CRYING...AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DID?!
SOMEBODY HAD TO WATCH OUT FOR HER...! D-DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE DID?!
THAT VERY NIGHT...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE, DAMMIT!
GUYS LIKE YOU. YOU ONLY ABUSE! YOU ONLY DISH OUT PAIN AND ABUSE! MACHO JERK-OFF!
WHY WOULD YOU?!
OF COURSE YOU DON'T! NOT YOU!!
PC フェア
SHE WAS RUNNING ERRANDS! THAT LATE AND RUNNING ERRANDS!
I FOLLOWED I SAW!
50K OFF!

YOU...WHAT WOULD A SELFISH FUCK LIKE YOU KNOW OF THAT?! ALL YOU KNOW IS HOW TO HURT PEOPLE TO MAKE YOURSELF FEEL GOOD!
ALWAYS DOING! ALWAYS SELFLESS AND DOING FOR OTHERS AND AND EVEN AFTER WHAT YOU'D PUT HER THROUGH!
FREEZE!! FREEZE, MOTHERFUCKER!! SEE?! SEE HOW LITTLE YOU VALUE HER LIFE?! YOU SEE, KEIKO?!
I WON'T LET YOU HURT HER AGAIN! I'M THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF HER!
WHAT HOLD DO YOU HAVE ON HER, YOU SONOFABITCH?! I'LL.. I'LL
AND FOR WHAT? SO HE CAN SLAP IT BACK IN YOUR FACE?! HE'S NOT WORTH IT! NOT FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU!
I SAW YOU BUY HIM THE BIRDY THING. I SAW THE THOUGHT YOU PUT INTO IT...FOR HIM...
HE'S AN ANIMAL... CAN'T YOU SEE?
W-WHY...? WHY HIM? HE'S..

SHE DESERVES BETTER THAN YOU! I CAN TOUCH HER RIGHT! I CAN TOUCH HER HEART!
I'M TAKING HER, KAWADA! SHE'S MINE, NOW! NO MORE HURT! NO MORE TEARS! I'M PROTECTING HER NOW!!
GRRR...
WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER SEE ME? WHY DIDN'T YOU KNOW? I SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS.. I...
Y-YOU'LL SEE...I-I CAN MAKE IT RIGHT! I CAN. YOU'LL SEE! NO MORE HURTING...I CAN...

NAKATA...
AHH.
WHY?
I...
I'LL PROTECT YOU..I'LL PROTECT YOU!
!!
LAST TIME I CHECKED, STALKING AIN'T PROTECTING--AND PROTECTION DON'T COME OUT THE BARREL OF A GUN
I'LL BET

EVER THINK TO ASK WHAT SHE WANTED? HELL, EVER THINK TO JUST STROLL ON UP AND SAY "HELLO"?
CLTCH
YEAH...I KNOW YOUR KIND. THE RAPIST-IN-TRAINING.
YOU... YOU...

Y-YOU DON'T TALK TO US LIKE THAT!! WE'RE TH-THROUGH WITH YOU!! IT'S OVER! OVER!!
YOU DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT!!
NAKA... D-DON'T!
PUT IT DOWN! PUT THE GUN DOWN NOW! YOU HEAR?! PUT THE FUCKING GUN DOWN OR...OR...
YOU WANT HER HEAD?! IS THAT IT?! IF YOU CAN'T HAVE HER, NO ONE CAN?!
SHE'S BETTER OFF DEAD THAN WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!
?!
Y-YOU-KNOW IT'
SURE YOU COULD
I COULD HAVE SAVED HER IF NOT FOR YOU! I COULD HAVE MADE IT ALL RIGHT!

NOW, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG--BUT I'M COUNTING THREE HERE... AND THAT'S TWO TOO MANY. BASIC MATH, PEOPLE. THREE MINUS TWO EQUALS ME.
THEM'S THE RULES. ONE AND ONE ONLY.
ONLY ONE SURVIVES..
WHAT I KNOW IS HOW TO WIN THIS GAME. HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED THAT OUT, YET? I'M PLAYING TO WIN.
SHOGO·
NO
W-WHAT ARE Y-YOU?
!!
BACK OFF AND LET ME TALK TO HIM BEFORE .
CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S TERRIFIED?! JUST LET ME TALK TO HIM!!
BEFORE SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS! PLEASE!!

STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU, DARLIN'? ONLY ONE.
ONLY ONE SURVIVES.
SORRY, KEIKO. SHIT HAPPENS. YOU JUST BECAME EXPENDABLE
!!
.....
YOU TWO'LL BE NUMBERS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN THAT'S RIGHT.
...TWELVE DEAD BY MY HAND...
...AND I FEEL FUCKING GREAT!
!!
HUH
M-MIZUNO

NAKUPU DIED ON HER KNEES. AFTER I TURNED DOWN HER OFFER THAT FRENCH KID? THE EXCHANGE STUDENT...?
WELL, DUH...! YOU SAW ME TAKE HIM OUT!
WANT THE FULL LIST? WHO AND HOW AND WHY I STILL DON'T GIVE A FUCK?
BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. RIGHT, KEIKO? NOTHING NEW HERE.
AH. SEEMS I'VE OFFENDED SOMEONE'S SENSIBILITIES.
SHO-BO... NO...
H-HOW STUPID DO YOU THINK I AM?!
V-YOU'RE BLUFFING! YOU J-JUST WANT HER FOR Y-YOURSELF!
H-HUH!

STUPID ENOUGH TO DIE BELIEVING I'M BLUFFING. HOW DUMB IS THAT? SO WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COROTE.
.....
OR DON'T. I COULD GIVE A DAMN.
OH, AND NAKATA...?
YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER POPPING THE SAFETY ON THAT PIECE YOU GOT THERE.
!!
ALL THE THREATS IN THE WORLD DON'T AMOUNT TO MUCH IF YOU CAN'T FOLLOW THROUGH. THE SAFETY, IDIOT! THE SAFETY'S ON! AT LEAST MAKE IT A FIGHT...
SAFETY ?
BAM
?

TOO EASY.
NO SAFETY ON A REVOLVER, NAKATA OL' CHUM..
YOU... OUT OF ALL OF THEM...YOU I DON'T REGRET.

KEIKO...?
YEAH GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, KEIKO
TSK
SORRY ABOUT ALL THAT.
SHOULD HAVE TRIED OUT FOR THE DRAMA CLUB WHILE I COULD, HUH?
TH-THAT'S.. THIR TEEN?
?!

SHOGO... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
WAS THAT PART TRUE?! IS HE NUMBER THIRTEEN?!

AND F.Y.I.? I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE! SO YOU'RE WELCOME!
WHAT I HAD TO DO NOTHING MORE NOTHING LESS

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY? I'M SORRY?! WELL...I'M NOT.

HE'D HAVE KILLED YOU. PROBABLY RAPED YOU FIRST .SO I CHOSE TO SAVE YOU.
KILLING HIM WAS THE ONLY WAY. KILLING IS THE ONLY OPTION. THE GAME SEES TO THAT.
YOU DO UNDER-STAND . RIGHT?
PING
PING

PING
PING
ONE MORE AND THEN IT'S JUST US...YOU AND ME...
PING

BECAUSE THERE'S ONE MORE
KLIK
KLIK

IF I HAVE THAT...THEN I CAN DO IT.

THE BETTER PART OF A DAY WITH YOU. PLAY OUT THE COLLARS' TIMERS TILL IT GETS TOO DANGEROUS.
I'M... I'M ONLY GOING TO ASK FOR THE BETTER PART OF A DAY
US..

ONCE I DO THE ONE WORTHWHILE THING I CAN DO SINCE WE WERE DROPPED HERE--YOU WIN.
ONLY ONE...
I CAN DO THE RIGHT THING. YOU'RE GOING TO WIN THIS, KIDDO. CONGRATS.
!!
THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE.
NOT TOO SHABBY AS LOOPHOLES GO, EH? IT'S THE ONLY ENDING THAT MAKES ANY SENSE TO ME.
TPT
RIGHT HERE. BANG! GONE. BY MY OWN HAND. NO RULE AGAINST TAKING YOURSELF OUT.
LOOK... IT'S OKAY. IT'S ME. KEIKO...?
C'MON... ..LET'S GET YOU SAFE.

I WON'T LET YOU!!
NO!!
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NO..
KEIKO
DEAR GOD... DON'T !
SHE... THE GUN...

NO!!
I RE-ACTED...
GET AWAY OR I'LL... GET AWAY!!
PUT IT DOWN! KEIKO! PUT IT DOWN!!
ALL MY TALK OF HER WINNING OF ME SACRI-FICING MYSELF...
THE GUN... SHE...
NO!!
I DIDN'T KNOW...

...WAS ALL UNDONE BY INSTINCT... REFLEX... THE GAME...

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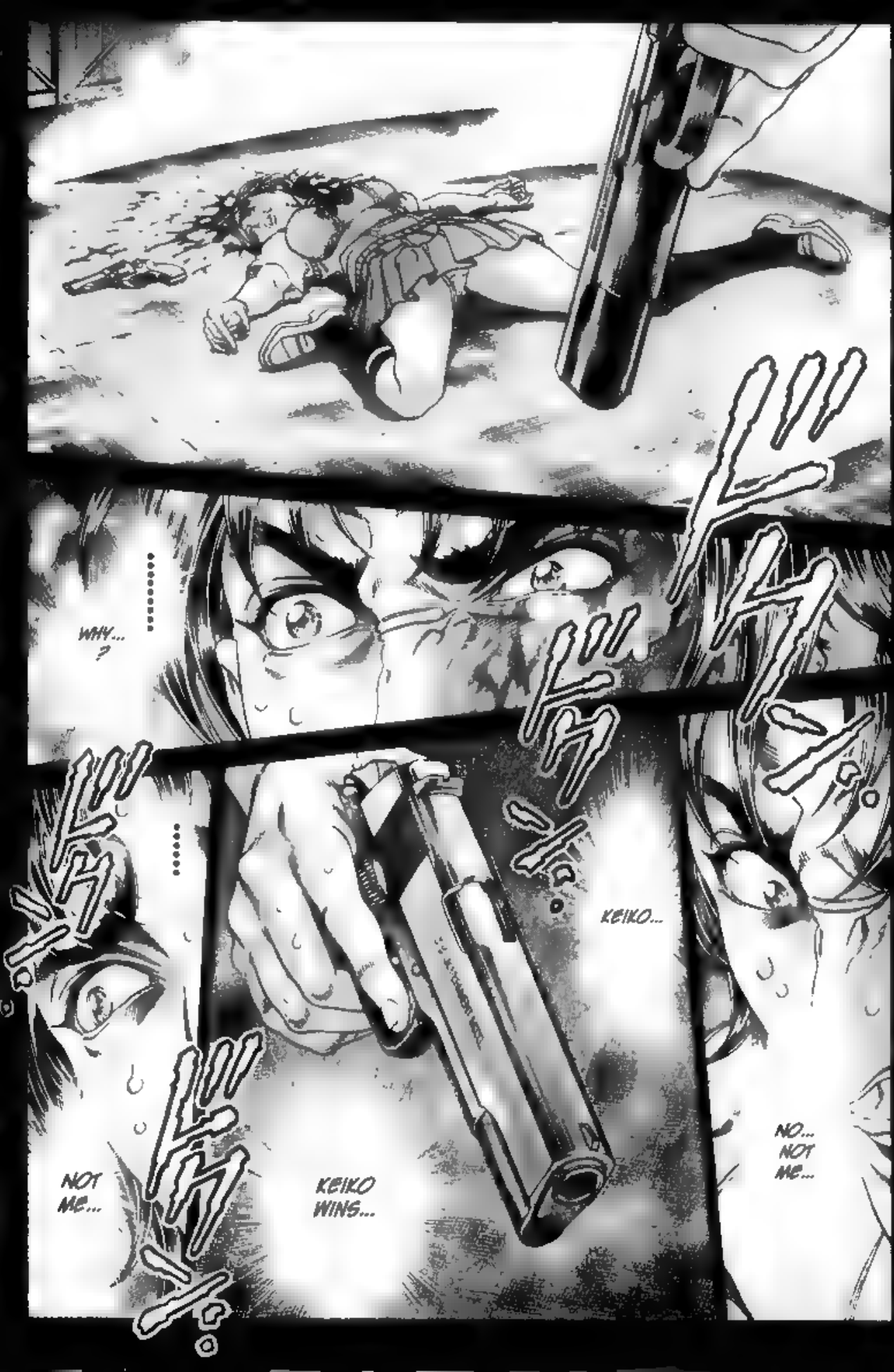
Chapter102

CHAPTER 102:
Going Home
KEIKO?!


WHY...
?
.....
.....
KEIKO...
NO...
NOT
ME...
NOT
ME...
KEIKO
WINS...

I...IT WAS...
HOW COULD SHE NOT KNOW?! I'D NEVER...
P-PING
P-PING
SNK
P-PING
HOW COULD SHE.
PING

!!
SEEN ME... BUT YOU SHOT HER... HUH-UH... SHOT YOUR SWEETIE... HUH...
THOUGHT SHE WAS AIMING AT YOU...HUH... TH-THOUGHT IT WAS YOU...H-HUH...
P-PING

FUCK!!
GNNGH!! S-STUPID F-FUCKING BITCH!!

STUPID
P-PHEW
P-PHEW
HELLO
I
I DIDN'T

I'M SORRY I
YOU N-NEED HYDRATE
I FAILED HER.
.. WHEN IT MATTERED MOST
DON'T DON'T DO THIS TO ME
THE PROGRAM / FOURTH SEASON: HYOGO PREFECTURE, KOBE CITY SECOND JUNIOR HIGH CLASS B / THIRD YEAR
FINAL TERMINATION: 0320 11/30/11

NAME WITHHELD PENDING EVALUATION.
WRONG...
GOT WRONG WINNER... NOT ME...
KEIKO... KEIKO WINS...
FOURTH SEASON VICTOR: BOY #6--
CONFIRMED

DIED SAVING MY LIFE... DIDN'T KNOW...
PLAYED TOO GOOD PLAYED TO WIN...
GET AWAY OR I'LL GET AWAY!!
THE BETTER PART OF A DAY... AND KEIKO WINS. GOT THE WRONG WINNER...
PLAYED FOR KEIKO TO WIN
KILLED HER...DIDN'T KNOW AND KILLED HER... ALL TALK...
ALL MY BIG TALK... SACRIFICE FOR HER... KILLED HER. DIDN'T KNOW...
PUT IT DOWN! KEIKO! PUT IT DOWN!

I... LOST FAITH IN HER THOUGHT SHE WAS...
SHE EARTH SHE BELIEVED IN ME TRUSTED IN ME...
I'M ME NO!
LOVED TOO MUCH...
SHE... LOVED ME... TOO MUCH...
GOT THE... WRONG WINNER...

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
HOW DO YOU GO ON LIVING AFTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT? I MEAN, HOW DO YOU GO ON?
...ALL IN LESS THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. SET A NEW RECORD, HE DID.
!!
YOU DON'T.
.....

I'M NOT PLAYING ANYMORE! NEVER AGAIN! NEVER AGAIN!!
YOU CAN'T.
NO LIFE IS BETTER THAN THE LIFE YOU'RE LEFT WITH.
!!
!!

DAMMIT ALL! CALL DR. BARTER! THIS ONE'S GOING TO GIVE US TROUBLE!
I TOLD HIM WE SHOULD SEDATE HIM!
HURRY UP!
FIGURES... SURE...
KEEP HIM ALIVE...
HUH.
MONKEY ON A STICK... KEEP TH' MONKEY... 'LIVE...
10
20
30

RIGHT...HMM... RIGHT. WE'LL KEEP HIM SEDATED. .YES. GOOD CALL. CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING HAPPENING TO THE WINNER. BAD FOR THE PROGRAM... VERY BAD...
TOLD YOU SO...!

JUST SEE TO IT HE LOOKS FIT ENOUGH TO GET THROUGH THE PUBLICITY BLITZ. YES... AFTER THAT...
HM...
NOT OUR PROBLEM. NO.. NOT AT ALL....

!!
DID YOU, NOW? HMM...DON'T REMEMBER THAT...NOT AT ALL. OH, WELL....NO MORE FALLS, OKAY?

BEST FACE FORWARD FOR THE PROGRAM... ALWAYS THE BEST FACE FORWARD. DO REMEMBER THAT...
IF HE CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM, ADDICT HIM TO MORPHINE. THAT USUALLY BUYS... COOPER-ATION. YES, IT DOES.

PERHAPS... PERHAPS IF ONE OF YOU WERE TO FLIRT WITH HIM? DISTRACT HIM...HMM? YES. . I THINK THAT WILL SUIT OUR PURPOSES JUST FINE...
カツ カツ カツ カツ
I WAS A STAR...
BOUGHT RIGHT INTO THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL...AND WHY NOT? WHAT DID I HAVE TO LIVE FOR?
A FALLING STAR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND AN S.T.D. TO SPEED ME ON MY WAY I DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER BEING CUT LOOSE
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FREE CLINIC
Hyogo Prefecture

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SNK
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HUH
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, DAD?
FIGURED YOU'D HAVE THE COMMON SENSE TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE. NOT SMART.

HERE WE GO.
HUH...
.....
MISSED OUT ON ALL THE POMP AND PAGEANTRY THAT COMES WITH WINNING THE PROGRAM. HUH...COME TO THINK OF IT, SO DID I.
YOU SHOT YOUR MOUTH OFF AND THEY SHOT BACK. WAY TO GO.
THROUGH THE LIPS AND PAST THE GUMS, LOOK OUT AFTERLIFE, HERE I COME!
AS COCKTAILS GO, A REAL BALL SQUEEZER
GLG
GLG
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY!
.....
FUCK ALL... THAT CAN'T BE...
ALL FALL DOWN...
!!

A PRESTIGIOUS SIGNATURE AND OH SO FAVORABLE APPRAISAL FROM ON HIGH. I HAVE ARRIVED!
HEH..
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HUH.
THIS CONCLUDES THE UNCO-ORDINATED ASSHOLE PORTION OF TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.
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GOD IN HEAVEN..
KEIKO.

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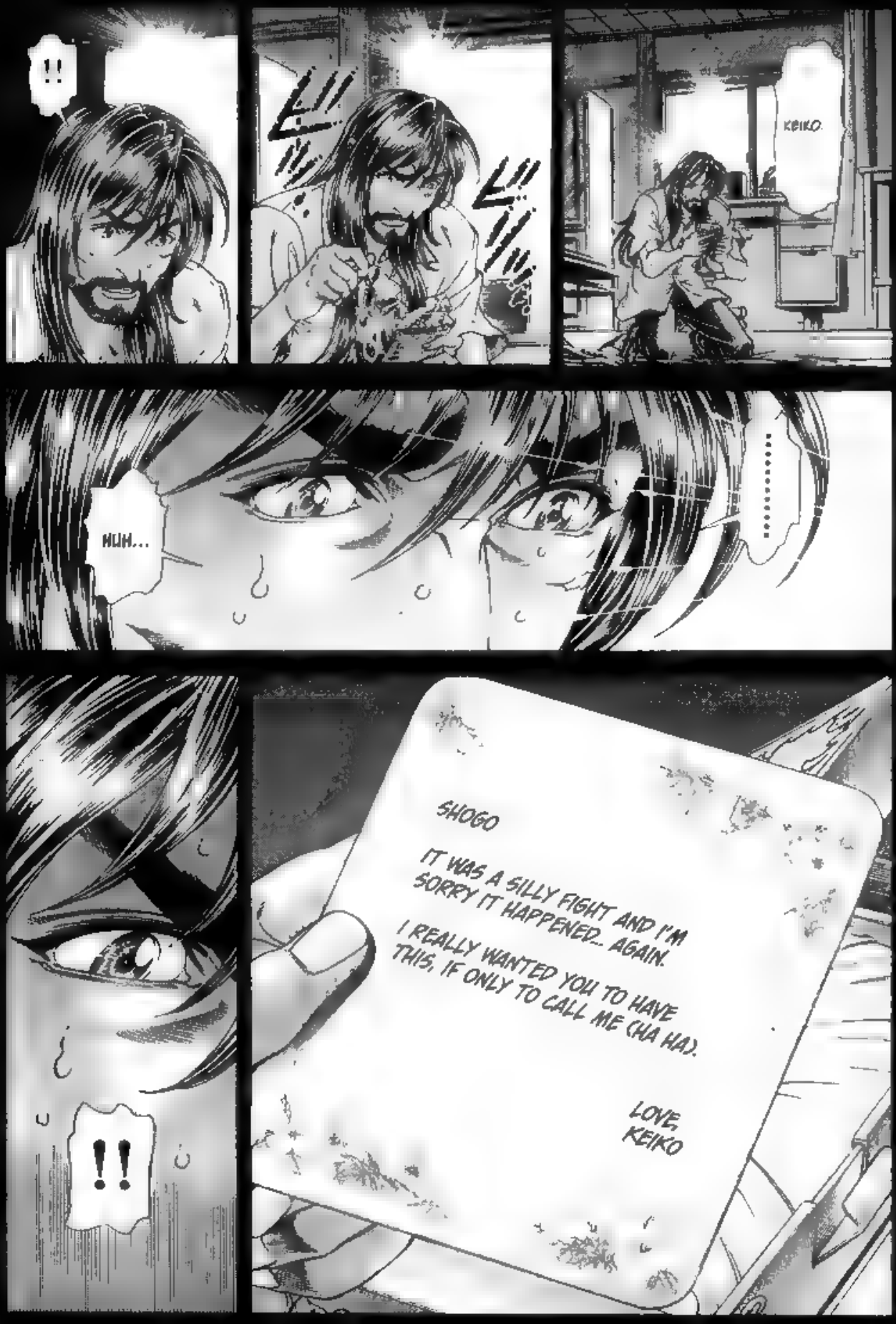
CHAPTER 103: The Thinking Heart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KEIKO.
HUH...
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SHOGO
IT WAS A SILLY FIGHT AND I'M SORRY IT HAPPENED... AGAIN.
I REALLY WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS, IF ONLY TO CALL ME (HA HA).
LOVE,
KEIKO

LOVE,
KEIKO
Magical
for your
Happy forture
Tarot
IT'S JUST THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK WITH THEIR HEARTS, SHOGO! IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT INTELLECT..
PEOPLE...
...HAVE FEELINGS!
'LLY.... AND I'M SAPPENED... AGAIN.
—I WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS, IF ONLY TO CALL ME (HA HA).
LOVE,
KEIKO
PEOPLE ARE MORE COMPLEX THAN THAT!
IT'S NOT ALL SO INTELLECT-UALLY CUT AND DRIED!

BUT HERE YOU WERE... AS IF, SOMEHOW, YOU KNEW...
DREAM ON.
DO IT LIKE THIS...
...KNEW THAT I'D LET YOU DOWN... AGAIN. KNEW THAT YOU NEEDED TO SEE ME THROUGH IT...AGAIN.
EEHC
NOT ALL ABOUT INTELLECT...
THEIR HEARTS...
IT HURTS SO BAD THAT SOMETIMES I THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE MY MIND. I CAME HERE TO END IT, KEIKO.
IT HURTS...
.....

EEEHC
I HEAR YOU, KEIKO...
SO...NOW THAT YOU HAVE THE BIRDCALL...
...HOW ABOUT A BIT OF BIRD WATCHING THIS SUNDAY?
I THINK I CAN...
!

MY LIFE WILL BE LIVED IN YOUR MEMORY... IT WILL BE LIVED FROM THE HEART...
OH, AND NEWS FLASH, EINSTEIN-- ROCK 'N' ROLL STILL JUMPS YOU IN PRISON NOT A GOOD IDEA, SIS!
WHO'S GONNA PAY YOU TO PUT ON A ROCK CONCERT?! YOU CAN'T GO FOUR DAYS WITHOUT SCREECHING THAT THING LIKE A CAT IN HEAT
GET OUT! YOU?!

I'M THINKING OF CALLING MYSELF "WILD SEVEN." V'KNOW, LIKE THE CIGARETTES. KNOW WHY I CHOSE THAT NAME?
AND AS FOR THE GOVERNMENT... THEY GOTTA CATCH ME FIRST! ROCK 'N' ROLL REBELS GOT TO PLAY, M'MAN--AND I AM A ROCK 'N' ROLL REBEL!
TAKEN IN ORDER... WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT BEING PAID? IT'S A LABOR OF LOVE, YOSHI!
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BECAUSE YOUR PLAYING GIVES PEOPLE EAR CANCER? TOO EASY, SHUUYA.
WHEN YOU GONNA ADMIT YOU'RE ONLY IN IT FOR THE GROUPIES?! "ROCK 'N' ROLL REBEL"... YOU JUST WANNA BANG FAT CHICKS DON'T NEED NO GUITAR TO DO THAT...
THE WRONG POWER CHORD GOES INTO THE WRONG EAR AND YOU'RE IN FOR A WORLD OF HURT, "ELVIS."
GIVE IT UP, SHU.
THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN THAT INCOMPREHENSIBLE RACKET YOU CALL JAZZ! GIVE ROCK A SHOT!
WELL, YOU WOULD KNOW...C'MON, MIM! GET WITH THE SPIRIT! GO WITH THE FLOW!

SNKT
HEY! DO NOT DISS THE KING!
I WAS DISSING YOU!
EXCUSE ME... BUT YOU'RE THE NEW BOY? THE TRANSFER STUDENT, RIGHT? SHOGO KAWADA? OH, MY...THAT IS A NASTY SCAR...
I...AHH.. DON'T WANT YOU GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT, HERE .. AND, UH, I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WAS DONE IN YOUR OTHER SCHOOL, BUT...
...THE SMOKING? WE'D MUCH RATHER YOU WOULDN'T SMOKE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. ACTUALLY, WE'D MUCH RATHER YOU DIDN'T SMOKE AT ALL. SUCH A FILTHY HABIT...
I HEAR YOU.
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AND I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN-- REALLY. THAT SAID, I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT I'M PRETTY MUCH FREE TO DO WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT, WHEREVER I WANT TO DO IT.
NO OFFENSE
TELL YOU WHAT...I DON'T LIGHT UP ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, AND YOU LAY OFF THE CIGARETTE NAZI RAP.
BEEN LEARNING AS I GO, TEACH, HONORING HER MEMORY AND MAKING EVERY MOMENT COUNT I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT...AND I REALLY COULD CARE LESS IF YOU DO I GET IT. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.
AH I SEE.
G-GOALS... VERY GOOD TO HAVE GOALS...Y-YES...I WAS JUST...
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RELAX.
I'M NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE I JUST LIKE EVERYTHING LAID-OUT STRAIGHT.
...UP TO A POINT
I- I SEE

USEFUL SKILL, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. ALL I NEED IS PATIENCE...AND MY MOMENT WILL COME...
GAME TAUGHT ME TO KILL, TEACH...
THE GAME TAUGHT ME TO KILL... BUT NOW I CHOOSE THE TARGETS.
?
GUESS IT'S A GOOD THING I NEVER USED MY HEART FOR ANYTHING BUT PUMPING BLOOD. JUST A MUSCLE, TEACH. THAT'S ALL IT EVER WAS TO ME...B-DUMP, B-DUMP, B-DUMP...
PLAY IT COOL AND THEY'LL NEVER SEE IT COMING...
VEAH.
GOOD THING, TOO. IF MY HEART HADN'T HAVE BEEN VACANT, SHE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE IN. SO I'VE TAKEN DOWN THE "VACANCY" SIGN... BELIEVE IT!

YOU CAN TAKE THAT TO THE BANK AND DRAW INTEREST ON IT!
YEAH... MY TIME WILL COME!

THEY'VE HAD THEIR WAY WITH ME AND THEN SOME. NOW IT'S MY TURN! I EARNED IT! I DESERVE IT! AND BY GOD...
...I WILL HAVE IT!
I DON'T NEED A BIG BANG. I'M NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK ONE ACT CAN OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT. I JUST NEED... CLOSURE.
TILL THEN IT'S ALL INCOMPLETE. EVERYTHING! I WILL NOT DIE INCOMPLETE!
KAWADA 101. THE CRASH COURSE.
THERE YOU GO.

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WHOA... THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SICKED UP THE WHOLE SORDID MESS.
.....
SEE?
NOT ALL MONSTERS COME WITH FANGS AND HORNS. SOME OF US HIDE IT VERY WELL.

AND NOW... HERE I AM AGAIN. AND THE TWO OF YOU...WELL, NORIKO REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF KEIKO...
YEAH.
THAT WAS...
UM...
...OR WHAT I NEEDED MOST.
THE TWO OF YOU WERE EITHER THE LAST THING I NEEDED...
YEAH...
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING.
STOP PLAYING GAMES. YOU TWO WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER.
OH--AND GUYS...?

I THINK... I THINK MAYBE...IF I'D BELIEVED IN KEIKO THE WAY YOU TWO BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER...
TWENTY/ TWENTY HINDSIGHT DON'T CHANGE NOTHING. STILL...I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...WHAT IF? WHAT IF I'D BEEN... BETTER.

JUST LOOK HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE SAVED US! KEIKO...SHE HAD TO HAVE KNOWN! SHE DIED TRYING TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!
YOU TRIED! WHAT ELSE IS THERE?! YOU TRIED TO PROTECT HER, BUT... BUT...
CHRISSAKE, KAWADA! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BEATING YOURSELF UP OVER IT?!

I'M NOT FISHING FOR A PEP TALK.
.....
SHU.

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AGAIN WITH THE YELLING.

I'LL SEE TO IT YOU DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES I DID...BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE READY.
I HAD MY CHANCE AND I BLEW IT. BUT YOU TWO...YOU TWO HAVE ME.
I TOLD YOU GUYS SO YOU'D KNOW. SO THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL BE READY TO DO WHAT NEEDS DOING.
FRIENDS LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER--AND LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'VE BECOME FRIENDS! YOU HEAR ME?!
KAWADA. IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE SHOULD KNOW, NOW'S THE TIME NO SURPRISES.
I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THE DIRECTION THIS IS TAKING! WE'RE STILL ESCAPING, RIGHT?! THE THREE OF US OFF THE ISLAND AND GONE...RIGHT?!
HMM...
STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO IF SHE DIDN'T WANT IT THAT WAY. YOU SEE? IT'S--
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK? I THINK WHENEVER YOU TWIST THAT BIRDCALL, YOU HEAR KEIKO'S VOICE--IN YOUR HEART.
YOU CALLED YOURSELF A MONSTER. BUT LAST TIME I CHECKED, MONSTERS DIDN'T COME EQUIPPED WITH BIRDCALLS!

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THAT'S IT.
THAT'S HOW I GET THEM. THROUGH THEIR OWN SO PRECIOUS GAME--I DENY THEM A WINNER!
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I DON'T COUNT! I'M ONLY ALONG TO SEE THAT THE TWO OF YOU MAKE IT!
IT'S NO LONGER ABOUT ME. IT'S ABOUT YOU AND NORIKO NORIKO IS YOUR OBLIGATION!
!!
NO! IT'S NEVER YOUR GAME!! NEVER!!
I KNOW THEY'RE LISTENING, WONDERING HOW ..BUT IT'S MY GAME, NOW!
!!
THE ONLY WAY HE KNOWS HOW
SHINYA. HE'S SAYING GOOD-BYE...
JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH, NORI.

JUST IN CASE THINGS GO BAD...RIGHT, KAWADA?
WELL, I'M NOT HAVING IT! I'M NOT HAVING ANY OF IT-- SO YOU CAN STOP THAT KIND OF TALK RIGHT NOW!
NORI... I MEAN...
GEEZ
.....
!
OKAY. NO MORE OF THAT TALK.
SHUUYA... SHUT UP.
.....

BUT WE KNOW. WE ALWAYS KNOW. JUST LOOK HOW PROUD SHE IS TO BE WITH YOU. SHE KNEW.
YOU DON'T THINK I GO HOME AND CRY SOMETIMES? GUYS...THEY DON'T GET IT.
SHE KNEW HOW YOU FELT WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO SAY IT--THE SAME WAY I JUST KNOW HOW SHUUYA FEELS. NOT A WORD TILL I'M DONE, SHU!
I KNOW HOW MUCH KEIKO LOVED YOU. I KNOW BECAUSE OF THE PICTURE... HER SMILE...I KNOW BECAUSE I LOVE SHUUYA... AND I KNOW HOW THAT SMILE FEELS.
YEAH...I THINK SHE DID...
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SHF
LOOK... IT'S JUST...I HURT HER SO MANY TIMES... IT'S...
LOGIC, HUH? NO FAIR USING MY OWN TACTICS AGAINST ME.
.....
HOW CAN YOU SAY SHE MOVED INTO YOUR HEART... AND YET STILL DOUBT HER FEELINGS?
I KNOW SHE DID. AND SO WOULD YOU, IF YOU'D STOP BEING SUCH A THICKHEADED, OBSTINATE... MAN!

BUT WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY. RIGHT...LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE...
WE HAVE TO BE, IF ONLY TO DEAL WITH THE LIKES OF YOU DAY IN AND DAY OUT.
?!
WE'RE A LOT TOUGHER THAN YOU GIVE US CREDIT FOR.
LITTLE PINCHES.
HONOR HER MEMORY BY CHERISHING WHAT YOU KNEW OF HER. HONOR WHO SHE WAS AND BE PROUD SHE MADE YOU A PART OF WHO SHE WANTED TO BE. SHE'D WANT THAT MORE THAN ANYTHING!
SO, KAWADA...
...WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU'RE ATONING FOR, WHATEVER GUILT YOU'RE CARRYING AROUND...IF IT'S GOT KEIKO'S NAME ON IT... DROP IT.
NO!!

THERE'S EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, AS WELL.
FEELINGS. PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS, SHOGO.
YOU KNOW THIS...
WHAT GOOD IS DOING THE RIGHT THING IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHY?
SHOGO...
YOU KNOW... YOU KNOW THIS...
FEELINGS, SHOGO.
FEELINGS.
IT'S NOT ALL SO INTELLECTUALLY CUT AND DRIED! PEOPLE ARE MORE COMPLEX THAN THAT!

POINT TAKEN. THANKS, NORIKO. I NEEDED TO HEAR THAT.
YEAH... OKAY.
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WAY TO GO, NORI.
YOU WANTED TO HEAR IT.
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EEEHC
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EEEHC
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN REEL SUGIMURA IN.
HUH
BACK TO BUSINESS.
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YES...
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EEHC
SURVIVING CONTESTANTS: 4 and counting...

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IF YOU LISTEN CLOSELY, YOU CAN JUST MAKE OUT HER VOICE...
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BATTLE ROYALE

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawai

18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda

19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

BATTLE ROYALE

THE PROGRAM: UPDATE

CHAPTERS 96-103

PROGRAM CONDITIONS:

All members of the class must kill each other until one survivor remains. • All students are supplied with a ration of food, a map of the island, and a weapon. • All students will wear an explosive bomb collar that also monitors life signs. • Students are free to move about the island but must stay out of designated danger zones that will frequently change locations. • If there is more than one survivor at the end of the game, the remaining bomb collars will be detonated.

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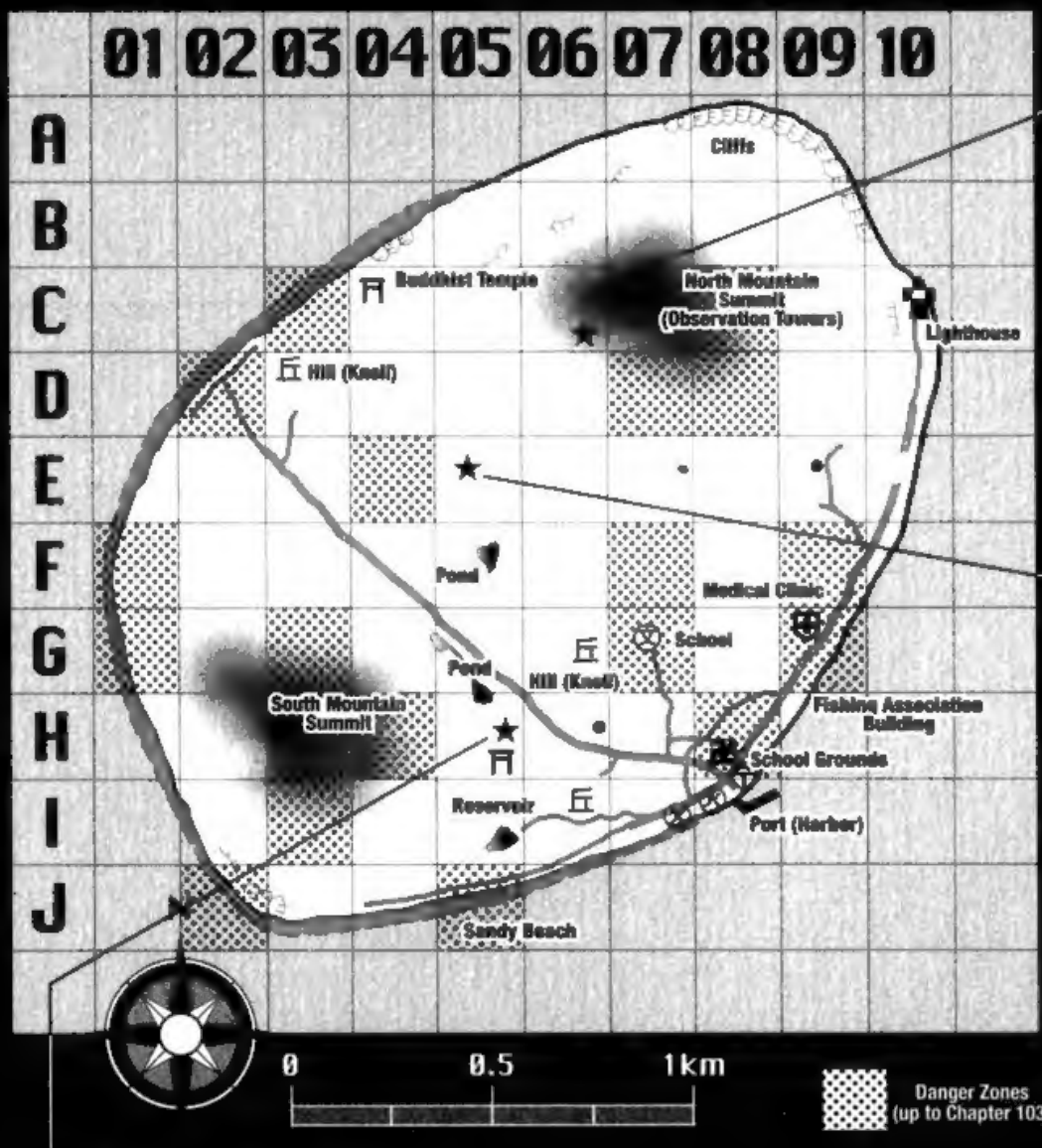

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